

Agency and Stakeholder Meeting Regarding AllenCo Energy Site in University Park

June 3, 2020

Meeting Notes

Updates and Discussion:

City of Los Angeles (City Attorney; Fire; Petroleum Admin.): No major updates.

Fire was asked to provide information on their activities/findings related to the detected methane levels on 5/7/2020.

CalGEM: Small leaks were detected on 3 instances recently. On 4/16 small leak on a piping connection was detected with a FLIR camera. It was confirmed repaired the same day. On 4/23 a small leak on a wellhead was detected with a FLIR camera. It was also confirmed repaired the same day. On 5/7 engineers detected slightly elevated ambient methane at 2-3% of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL). The level increased as they moved away from the site. CalGEM notified AQMD and Fire. No leaks were detected on the AllenCo Energy site at that time. Weekly monitoring generally continues, though this week they did not go out because of the civil unrest.

No administrative hearing date has been set.

The community representatives have submitted a letter to CalGEM and have requested a formal response to that letter. They are requesting that community be able to attend and testify at the administrative hearing and that more information about the leaks and other violations issued to AllenCo Energy but not included in CalGEM's Order be included in CalGEM's presentation at the Hearing.

AQMD: No odor complaints received. Completed 2 inspections (4/24 and 5/7). Regarding the methane levels on 5/7, AQMD surveyed the neighborhood and found no elevated levels above background. The inspection of the site found no leaks.

Community has requested information on the NOVs and Notices to Comply for leaks that have been issued by AQMD, with specific request for the levels detected at the leaks (e.g. ppm of each leak that has been detected).

US EPA: The Administrative Order and Consent Decree of 2014 provided conditions for the reopening of AllenCo Energy at this site. Since the reopening is not likely, US EPA does not have an active role in the site and will step away from attending the Agency and Stakeholder meetings.

LA County Fire: The Health Hazardous Materials Division will conduct a routine inspection by August.

Follow Up Items

1. Fire to provide information related to their response to 5/7 methane readings on AllenCo Energy site and in the neighborhood.
2. CalGEM to provide written answer to community letter.

3. AQMD to provide to community details on detected leaks such as ppm readings and whether NOV or NTC were issued.
4. LA County Fire will share inspection results when the inspection is completed.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2020 at 9:30-11:00 by phone.